Falcon Heights streetscape plan enlivens Larpenieur

By David Auger

Plans are in full swing to enliven Larpenieur Avenue's streetscape in Falcon Heights with fresh landscaping and new signage, even though the arrival of construction crews on the busy thoroughfare is two years away.

Ramsey County is set to overhaul Larpenieur from Highway 280 in the west to Dale Street in the east. The county's principal object is to improve the street, reported Ramsey County engineer Dan Soler. Falcon Heights also views the upheaval as a chance to enhance the city's main traffic artery.

"Larpenieur Avenue in Falcon Heights is one of the most unique and special streets in the Twin Cities, especially for a first-timer suburb," said landscape architect Michael Schroder, who presented his concept landscape plan to the city last May. "What makes it unique is that the city planner enlivens three distinct districts: agriculture, residential and business." Schroeder's plan presents Falcon Heights with the opportunity to not only make necessary public safety, traffic and drainage improvements along Larpenieur, but also to use urban design techniques to enhance the community's identity and to improve the Larpenieur business district.

By cultivating the existing landscape, Schroeder, of the Holmgren Koegler Group, envisions additional trees along the street that emphasize Falcon Heights' agrarian and horticultural roots.

For instance, he suggests planting the existing oaks near the University of Minnesota golf course with younger oaks and live oaks to create an overplant.

Along the agricultural fields, the land itself is showcased as the principal statement, while the tree canopies in the residential districts will be strengthened by new plantings.

Proposed glass identification signs at the gateways to the city as well as at the Snelling and Larpenieur intersections in the business district reflect the history of nurseries along the avenue. Then, too, street级以上 calls for creative signage and identification at Larpenieur's State Fair gate, where thousands of vehicles enter the grounds during the annual event.

"This is one of the main entries into the Fair," commented Schroeder, "but it's not celebrated." His plan calls for creating a structure and signage that play upon the Fair's architectural heritage.

Walkways and bicyclists will also benefit from the Larpenieur redesign. A six-foot bike lane is set to run throughout the avenue. In addition, pathways will be built on at least one side of Larpenieur.

At the Snelling and Larpenieur business hub, Schroeder hopes to create a more pedestrian-friendly and recognizable intersection.

"We want to provide a sense of unity at Larpenieur and Snelling," said Susan Hoyt, Falcon Heights' city administrator. "As it stands, it's not very identifiable as a shopping hub."

Schroeder proposes additional improvements at Snelling and Larpenieur, such as burying wires and hanging new signage.

The landscape architect also thinks that planting locust trees will beautify the business district without obstructing views of businesses from passing motorists.

On July 26 the city council plans to discuss Schroeder's concept plan, taking into consideration the concerns and ideas of residents. Issues of cost and scheduling will also be addressed.

In addition to Falcon Heights, the project involves Lauderdale, Roseville and St. Paul. While construction is expected to run from 1997 to 1998, the overhaul will not disrupt the entire street over a two-year period.

Financing is expected to be drawn from a combination of federal funding, county state aid funds, city assessments, state funds and any grants available to Falcon Heights.

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New block nurse director committed to caring

By Michelle Christian

Two years ago, Linda Morlock, the primary nurse for the Block Nurse Program, decided it was too much for one person to be both program director and primary nurse. After the board of directors was restructured, the search for a new program coordinator began and Lynn McLean was hired to begin her new position in December of 1994.

The job description for the Block Nurse Program coordinator encompasses a broad spectrum of responsibilities. McLean staffs the office, works with the consulting organization for the program to secure funding, and with the other Block Nurse programs to compare and share ideas.

She also arranges the contract with the Metropolitan Visiting Nurses Association to achieve smoother working procedures and works with Morlock, volunteer coordinator Judy Protob and administrative assistant Mary Schmid to facilitate client services and increase awareness of the program in the community.

In addition, McLean works with the board committeees on many projects.

McLean has experience juggling many different activities at once, as she has six children. She grew up in the Dresden Hill area of Philadelphia and graduated from Millersville State College with a bachelor's degree in library education.

Because the program does not have the funds to have a librarian at the lab school at Teachers College of Columbia University when she met her husband.

Midway through her child-rearing years, McLean decided to go to the seminary and compleated her training at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton in 1984. She heard about the Block Nurse Program while working with former program director Beth Spottswoode at a hospice and also decided to apply for the position because of a long association with Jo Anne Rohrich, a founder of the organization.

Because the program does not have the funds to have a full-time Block Nurse to 7

St. Anthony Park's Fourth of July celebration

By Kristin Cooper

It's time to hose down the bicycles, dust off the wagons and get out the crepe paper. The St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration is just around the corner.

As always, this year's celebration will have something for everyone, from kids' races to volleyball during the day, and from chicken dinners to a disk jockey playing music in the evening.

"It's a wonderful time for families to do things together," said Joan Dow Styce, a member of the St. Anthony Park Association and chair of the celebration.

Styce said she has been very successful in getting volunteers of all ages to help organize and publicize the events—everyone from kids to grandparents got together to stuff envelopes for the chicken dinners.

The St. Anthony Park Association has sponsored the event since 1947. Many of the events at the celebration are honored traditions, although some have changed.

Instead of featuring a live band in the evening following the oompah band, Styce said the organizers decided to go with a DJ to free up some of the tight budget for extras at other times in the day. For instance, horses will march in this year's parade.

Styce said the decision to use a DJ also gives the organizers a bit of a financial cushion in case of rain. She said the DJ will come with thousands of compact discs and tapes and will be open for requests. The DJ has also been informed of the type of music played in the past.

The parade will be much as it has been in the past. Styce said she would like to encourage more family or neighborhood units in the parade. She said past units have included lawn chair and lawn mower.

Fourth of July to 7
Archeological dig strives to uncover location of Gibbs' 1849 sod hut

By Natalie Zett

A major piece of St. Paul history is preserved—and will soon expand—at the Gibbs Farm Museum, a living-history museum operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society. From 1849 until the 1940s, the Gibbs Farm also was the home of Jane and Herman Gibbs and their children. This summer, the Gibbs Farm is the site of an archeological dig.

The Gibbs' family records show that between 1849 and 1854 Jane and Herman lived in a sod hut," said Friscilla Farrham, executive director of the Ramsey County Historical Society. "Their daughter, Lily, a portrait artist, made sketches of this house based on her mother's descriptions." To verify these memories, the Ramsey County Historical Society has contracted with the Willford Archeological Laboratories at University of Minnesota to research and report their findings.

The Gibbs family story begins with Jane DeBow, who was born and lived outside of Batavia, New York, in 1828. As a child, Jane and her siblings boarded with various neighbors and family friends while their father cared for their ailing mother. Jane, not understanding why their mother was bedridden, often tried to return to her family's home—much to the consternation of the family with whom she lived. At that time, traveling missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Stevens, who had recently lost a child, took a liking to Jane. They invited her to accompany them to Minnesota, where they readily agreed, as did her host family.

In 1833, 5-year-old Jane and her "fafter" family moved to Fort Snelling. There, the Rev. Stevens headed a mission to the Dakota people with whom Jane grew up and formed a lifelong bond. As one of the few who was fluent in the Dakota language, Jane often acted as interpreter at council meetings. Her Dakota friends called her "Little Bird that was Caught," referring to her being pursued from her biological family. (Although Jane was eventually reunited with some siblings, she never saw her parents again.)

At age 18, Jane moved to Illinois where she met and married Herman Gibbs, a schoolteacher several years her senior. She convinced him to move to Minnesota, near the area where she grew up. They settled on the land that is currently the Gibbs Farm.

During the year that Minnesota became a territory, in 1849, the Gibbs built their first dwelling: a sod house. Although the sod house (which was made of sod and wood) was meant to be a temporary residence, it would be five years before they replaced it with a permanent structure. Jane once reestablished their relationship with her Dakota friends, who also gave her new husband a name—"Prince on top of head"—noting his receding hairline.

From its inception, the Gibbs Farm underwent several changes. Since the land was on the Occon Trail, it served as a stopping-off point for traders on their way up the Red River. In the late 1840s, the family raised wheat and animals. By 1890, they started a small farm that was a precursor to the Farmer's Market in downtown St. Paul.

In 1949, a few years after its last resident, Abbie Gibbs, (Jane and Herman's daughter) died, the library, took it upon themselves to create the society and save the Gibbs Farm. It opened as a museum in 1954.

Interpretation at the museum begins at 1:00. The archeological dig and its subsequent findings will take place on land that was dug in 1849, when the sod hut was built. The initial research will determine the composition of the soil around the site of the sod house. If the core of the soil differs from the surrounding earth, this will indicate that Lily's drawings and speculation about the location are probably accurate.

The next step entails laying out a grid of the sod house's location. Then, the rest of the digging begins. The excavators will use tools to carefully dig the earth, inch-by-inch. That way, they can gather soil samples and screen for artifacts with little disturbance to the ground. In addition, the researchers will photograph the area, evaluate soil samples and ascertain the number of layers to evacuate. From those findings, they can determine how to reconstruct the sod house, which the museum hopes to eventually include in the educational tour.

"It's important that people understand that Jane and Herman were real people," said Karen Shum, great-granddaughter of Jane and Herman. "People to whom they can relate."

Located at Larpenteur and Cleveland in FInn's Heights, the Gibbs Farm Museum number is 646-8629.

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People

St. Anthony Park resident Larry Ripp’s scripts called “Skyswatch” and “Peststones” were finalists in the play competition leading up to the 1996 Rochester Playwright Festival.

Donnell Hofeld and Patty Hughes, ages 16 and 17, were selected as Youth-Volunteers-of-the-Month by St. Paul Parks and Recreation for their work as junior docents at the Como Zoo.


Naomi R. Uri, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine and is practicing at the Group Health Como Medical Center in St. Paul. Prior to joining Group Health, she practiced at the Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Paul.

Michelle Wirth was selected as a 1995 National Merit Scholar. Wirth, a senior at Mounds Park Academy in St. Paul, will receive a $2,000 scholarship to attend Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Penn., next fall. Wirth also placed third in Le Grand Conceors, a national French contest. She is the daughter of John Wirth of St. Anthony Park.

At the Minnesota State French Speech Contest at Mankato State University, sophomore Chas Beck received an excellent rating in advanced drama. Beck of St. Anthony Park attends Mounds Park Academy.

Sholom Home East resident Helen Goldstein recently turned 100 years old.

Jennifer Deeb of St. Paul graduated from Benilde State University’s Honors Program this spring.

St. Anthony Park resident Jennifer Prifet graduated from Penn State University, where she majored in elementary education and was a dean’s list student.

Kerstin Beyer received a $1,000 scholarship awarded by the St. Paul Federation of Teachers Scholarship Trust. Kerstin is going to Vassar College in New York and is the daughter of Bill and Margaretta Beyer of St. Anthony Park.

Mary Lue Oseby has joined the Hermes Floral Company Wholesale Supply Department as the new sales manager. Oseby resides in Minneapolis and has two daughters, Stephanie who lives in Columbia Heights and Melissa who resides in Denver.

Daniel Morlock of St. Anthony Park will be traveling to Europe as a member of the Benildi Choir from Benildi State University to perform in a series of concerts on Eurotour ’95. Morlock, a sophomore major, is a tenor in the choir.

Central High graduate Victor Hanson has been selected to receive a music performance scholarship from Concordia College in Moorhead. He is the son of Vladimir Stanish and Ev Hanson, St. Paul.

Joshua Becerra, son of Marilyn Hoegemeyer of St. Anthony Park, received a bachelor of arts degree at the College of Liberal Arts commencement ceremony at Hamline University on May 20. Becerra majored in Latin American Studies and Spanish.

Charlotte Hansen and Karl Olson of St. Anthony Park are featured in this summer’s SteppingStone Theatre For Youth Development production, “Three Billy Goats Gruff,” running Sun., July 9 through Fri., July 21.

Christina Soderstrom, daughter of Ric and Shirley Soderstrom of St. Anthony Park, has been awarded the prestigious Presidential Scholarship at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for 1995-96. Soderstrom, a 1995 graduate of Roseville Area High School, will be a freshman this fall, majoring in French.

Jacob Flaherty and Sara Nelson received music honors scholarships from the Buchanan-Larsen Endowment. They were recognized for outstanding music achievement in the daily choir school and worship services at the Church of the Holy Childhood in Como Park. Jacob is the son of Lynn and Daniel Flaherty and Sara is the daughter of Rosalie and Norman Nelson.

Joanne Eicher, professor of design, housing and apparel at the University of Minnesota, was awarded a Regents’ Professorship by the university’s board of regents. Nominated by their fellow faculty members, Regents’ Professors receive an annual $10,000 stipend.

Eicher has drawn on the fields of sociology, anthropology, art history and textile and apparel design to establish African dress and textile studies as a field of scholarship. She has written several books, including “Dress and Gender” and “Dress, Adornment and Social Order,” which are regarded as classics in their field.

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On Pioneers

Our feature story by Natalie Zett about the archeological investigation at the Gibbs Farm Museum takes us back 146 years to 1849, when James Polk was president and Minnesota's statehood was nine years ahead. Thanks to the efforts of the Ramsey County Historical Society and University of Minnesota, we are on the brink of uncovering more history about the Gibbs family, a truly fascinating and varied bunch.

The dig reveals that self-reliance and cultural diversity are not just New Age slogans but 180-year-old American traditions. It is indeed strange to think that Larpenteur Avenue rarely registered a blip on the map, marking nothing but a humble dirt road path. So, too, it is odd to envision our busy thoroughfare without the constant hum of traffic rushing forth day and night.

If they were alive today, Jane and Heman Gibbs—who cultivated the 160 acres that is known today as the Gibbs Farm Museum—could enchant us with halcyon tales of yesteryear. They could say that the property was crossed by a Native American trail, championed by the Dakota people, which extended from Lake Harriet to White Bear Lake. Jane Gibbs understood the Dakota and their language, having known the people during her childhood years near Lake Harriet.

The Gibbs and the Dakota not only tolerated each other, they enjoyed each other. En route to the northland, the Dakotas were often stopped by the Gibbs homestead. During the month that we celebrate our Independence Day, the dig reassembles a timeless value. Leaning toward the future—regardless of vast cultural differences—is an essential ingredient of the American character.

In the same era, such great figures as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Thoreau preached transcendental simplicity back East. The Gibbs family, struggling for survival on the rough-brown hinterlands of Minnesota's virgin prairie, embraced this doctrine. They lived simply, in a sod hut that they built with their own hands. The family also embodied the very principles of self-reliance that Emerson so admired. "I like people who can do things," said Emerson. For the Gibbs', it was daily things.

The Ramsey County Historical Society also does things, without the benefit of a big building and a bulging bank account. As an institution it reminds us that the cultural corridor exists beyond the confines of an edifice in downtown St. Paul. History and culture thrive right here in our neighborhood. Best of all, the dig at the Gibbs Farm Museum tells us who we are, where we have been and where we are going.

The Bugle

St. Anthony Park Arts Festival: A fun time for all

Dear editor,

On behalf of all the members of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, I want to thank everyone who attended this year's St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 3. The event was a great success and we hope the community enjoyed it.

The Business Association has held the Festival in conjunction with the Library Association's Art Fair for more than 20 years now, making one of the great traditions of St. Anthony Park. The Association provides entertainment, including pony rides, the petting zoo, music and dancers, as "a thanks" to our neighbors.

The Festival also provides area businesses an opportunity to showcase St. Anthony Park to people from all over the Twin Cities and beyond. This year the Business Association conducted a small survey of people at the Festival and found that about two-thirds of the people in attendance were from outside the immediate area. In fact, there was at least one family that came to the Festival from Laus after reading about it in the Minnesota Explorer magazine put out by the state tourism office.

Wherever Festival attendees come from, however, we hope they enjoy the fun, food and entertainment provided at this annual event. We thank St. Anthony Park for supporting this fine tradition and look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Festival.

Eileen Watters, executive director, St. Anthony Park Business Association

Clean-up day activity

Dear editor,

What do old veterans do on Memorial Day? One such person spent three hours early morning on Memorial Day driving the streets of St. Anthony Park picking up litter and removing old posted signs and cleaning graffiti. It resulted in a large box of refuse. It is on ongoing chore.

A recent newspaper article described taking back St. Anthony Park to people of all ages. It starts on the south side of the park everyday. There was a small group of people at the park and found that about two-thirds of the people in attendance were from outside the immediate area. In fact, there was at least one family that came to the Festival from Laus after reading about it in the Minnesota Explorer magazine put out by the state tourism office.

Dear editor,

Hail and farewell: Jo Anne Rohricht

Dear editor,

Jo Anne Rohricht is leaving the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors. She has been a strong advocate and tireless worker for the program and its ideals for more than 13 years.

She was involved in the arduous task of founding the program. She also initiated the expansion of the program to include volunteers and the Home Health Aide/Homemakers, of which she is a member.

The fruits of Jo Anne's labors are many more than she can realize. I have experienced many expressions of gratitude and wish to share these with those who have joined us in our wider community.

May the success of the program continue to be a source of satisfaction to her and of value to the neighborhood. I believe the community owned a debt of gratitude. So, I say thank you, Jo Anne, for myself and the many whom your contributions have touched.

Meg Schaefer
St. Anthony Park

The Bugle is us

Dear editor,

As a Bugle board member finishing a 8-year term, I am compelled to respond to Jan Meyer's letter about South St. Anthony Park. In the first paragraph of the letter, she says "... maybe just the Bugle is biased against South St. Anthony Park." Well we could debate forever fair coverages, issues or stories should run, but that misses the point.

The Bugle is us, a nameless, faceless publication owned by some corporate conglomerate somewhere. Meyer's neighbors do the hiring, firing, debate editorial questions, fairness questions, determine policy for the organization and the paper. I might also add there is always more than enough fair representation from all neighborhoods served by the Bugle in the makeup of the board and the editorial questions.

So, if there is a problem, whether perceived or real, let's discuss the issues as neighbors and I think the solution for any one concerned with the paper or the neighbor- hoods is to get involved and involve the issues as neighbors.

To tag any neighborhood deemed second class by the Bugle means your neighbors are deeming neighborhoods second class, it is a second term board member, that is not true.

Dale Tension
St. Anthony Park

Change of editorial guard at Bugle: Welcome the new and salute the old on July 12

Bugle area residents and businesspeople are invited to greet our new editor and salute the outgoing editor at an informal reception set for 5 to 6 p.m. on Wed., July 12 at Taste of Scandinavia in Milton Square, Como at Carter Avenues. The Bugle's board of directors will host the reception. Treats will be served.

This month David Anger assumed the post of editor, a job previously held for a year by a half by a Leigh Lehr. Lehr left the Bugle to pursue a full-time job as communications specialist for the city of Woodbury.

During Lehr's tenure, the Bugle published many interesting stories, such as the request for a liquor license in Milton Square, the dismissal of the Laus city administrator, the opening of a movie/production studio in Como Park and the St. Anthony Police Department's initial contract with the city of Falcon Heights. Lehr led the production of a special Bugle 20-year anniversary section last July, and in April of this year, volunteer month, she initiated a feature highlighting several neighborhood volunteers.

Under her leadership the paper garnered 16 awards from the Neighborhood and Community Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest for 1994.

Lehr will be missed. After a long search, the Bugle's board hired David Anger to fill Lehr's shoes. He brings to the job over eight years of community journalism experience. His first writing assignment came from the Whittier Globe in south Minneapolis. For four years he worked at Equal Time newspaper in various editorial roles, including those of staff writer, arts editor and associate editor.

In addition to his Bugle responsibilities, Anger's bylines pop up in several Twin Cities publications.

His articles about architecture and design regularly appear in Architecture Minnesota, the Southwest Journal and Minnesota Home.

A resident of the Fair Oaks neighborhood in south Minneapolis, Anger is enjoying his frequent commute to St. Anthony Park. "I have long admired the community that the Bugle represents," said Anger. "There is a sense of history and pride here that isn't found in many places."

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David Anger
The Devil’s Almanac

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Honest communication is destructive; the facade of civility is what keeps society functioning.

Children should be spanked frequently, for one reason: Nobody acquires responsibility without motivation. Cleanliness is, too, next to godliness.

Buying “environmentally friendly” consumer products is fraudulent environmentalism. If you want to do the environment a favor, learn the difference between “green” and “true”.

There are good ideas and half-baked ideas. You can tell them apart. There is no compelling reason to respect half-baked ideas.

Fashion models are not beautiful. They’re smooth. Old people are beautiful.

Computers are a means of doing simple things more slowly and with greater difficulty, while using more paper. Their primary purpose is to distract an entire society from real work.

Most people don’t realize this, but you can make New Age music on an electronic keyboard with one finger. It takes two fingers just to play chopsticks on a real piano.

Angels are make-believe. Crystals are just rocks.

If you haven’t figured out who you are by the time you’re 40, then you’re probably not anybody. But you still have time to do something useful.

Housework is the most meaningful and personally fulfilling work you will ever do. It’s the only work in your life over which you have any real control or in which you have a personal stake. Do it well. Housework is not women’s work, it’s grownup work.

The Internet will revolutionize society as dramatically as did the CB radio. Ten-four, good buddy. There is a political philosophy that advocates spending $300 billion a year on a military that could destroy the world nine times over, with the intention of defending against an adversary who no longer exists, while claiming that a program of poor relief less than one-tenth that size is balkanizing the country; that insists on cutting down the last remaining old growth forests in the United States in order to preserve jobs that will disappear the moment the forests are gone; that speaks loudly of patriotism and democracy while stripping democratically elected government of its authority and turning power over to transnational corporations. Only Americans could be persuaded that this is somehow conservative.

Men and women don’t communicate differently—they just use different excuses for communicating poorly.

Guilt is good for you. It’s a sign that you still have that rapidly vanishing gift—a conscience. It may be the only thing that keeps you from being a world-class jackass. There is an entire industry of self-help books and therapists coaxing you to do dangerous, deluded things like trying to eliminate your own guilt. The secret is that there’s only one way to eliminate guilt, and that’s to ask for and receive forgiveness.

There is nothing inherently literate about reading. Any 5-year-old can do it. The problem with New York Times bestseller list will make you no more literate than watching television.

There is no information explosion. There is no more information now than there ever has been. There is a trivial glut. In a society that has lost all self-control, the “information explosion” is nothing more than stream-of-consciousness babble converted to text and hawked as a commodity.

The human brain evolved in the Rift Valley of Africa in order to gather fruits, scavenge carnivores and evade large predators. The American Constitution was written in a smoke-filled room in order to unite and govern a motley collection of sparse, populated, pre-industrial British colonies. It is astonishing to observe that either of them even function in their present settings, and naïve foolishness to expect them to do better.

Well, this is probably enough to keep you up late tonight. If you are interested, I could send you the e-mail address of the author. I am sure you will agree, it is a hell of a book.
New kinds of pals

By Tony Grundhauser

When it comes to household pets, Fido and Puff have such nice reputations. Our best friend, Eager-to-please hunting pals with wagging tongues. A dinner date for Miss Lonelyhearts. These are the conventional images of America's so-called favorite pets.


Bruce Delles, co-owner of Twin Cities Reptiles and Vivarium Pets, located at 2363 University Avenue W. in South St. Anthony Park, isn't the type of be intimi- dated by legacy and myth. Snakes and reptiles, he believes, are not the evil messengers that history has made them out to be.

In fact, he said, they make quite nice pets.

"Reptiles in general are great pets for people with active lifestyles," said Delles. "You don't have to be home at 5 to feed them and they're inexpensive and easy to maintain," he added, while coding a 10-foot Malaysian python around his neck.

We feel vital oxygen slowly being squeezed out of his body. Catching his breath and remembering the community he represents, he asked, "Aren't there any risks in owning a reptile?"

Delles composes himself. It's a question he's heard many times from the uneducated public.

"The answer is yes," said Delles. "I'd be lying if I said anything else. But, there's no greater risk in owning a snake, for instance, than owning a dog or cat or large bird. Does it bite?"

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Entertainment by the Stomp 'N Dixie Band, a group that preceded Block Nurse from 1 time person in her position, McLean shares some responsibilities for the program with the board chair and other board members. She believes her first priority is to get the staffing in place (they are looking for a part-time nurse to share Morlock’s position) and to get all procedures in place. She really likes the job because of the “wonderful people” she works with, both the volunteers and the professionals.

McLean thinks that people in the community need to share her sense of urgency about the forms razzmatazz jazz, is certain to be a highlight. In addition, organizers hope to further enliven the Ice Cream Social with jugglers and clowns.

Best of all, the Ice Cream Social is true to its old-fashioned roots, featuring 25 cent prices for ice cream, cake and beverages. Food and beverage tickets are sold at the event.

“The social takes place rain or shine,” said Carol Krieger, Falcon Heights park and recreation director. “We just move inside the park building if the weather’s bad.”

For more information, call the Falcon Heights City Hall at 644-5050.

Fourth of July from 1

brigades.

The parade kicks off the celebration at Luther Place by the Lutheran church with a line up at 11 a.m. The parade then will make its way to Langford Park beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Styve recommends that people who want to participate in the events register early. She said those interested in marching or riding in the parade should call Mike or Beth Peterson at 644-3247. Interested volunteers are encouraged to call Joan Dow-Styve at 297-3664 or 644-8642.

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Falcon Heights Block Club organizer extraordinaire: Judy Bruegl-Sabean

By David Anger

Community organizer extraordinaire Judy Bruegl-Sabean is credited with organizing a block club on every street in Falcon Heights, which holds the distinction of being the only city in the state with 100 percent participation in the grass-roots crime-prevention program. "It takes both the police and the community to combat crime," explained Bruegl-Sabean. "The police cannot be everywhere at once. The community can serve as the eyes and ears for the police."

Chief Dick Engstrom of the St. Anthony Police Department affirms Bruegl-Sabean's statement that block clubs are effective, while commending her efforts. "Judy has really made a difference in Falcon Heights," said Engstrom. "We've been at it for years in St. Anthony and never gotten 100 percent participation."

Bruegl-Sabean's story begins five years ago, when she gave birth to her son Troy. "I wanted to create a safe place for him to grow up," she reported.

With the encouragement of Roseville police officer Jerry Ruettimann and neighbor Nancy Wickham, she embarked on the arduous task of canvassing virtually every home in Falcon Heights, walking the sprawling territory from Hamline to University Grove, and from Roselawn to Hoyt.

Since Bruegl-Sabean makes her living as a day-care provider, the kids accompanied her too. "Whenever the weather was nice, I packed the kids up in the wagon and we walked door-to-door," she recalled. "Now they ask, 'Are we going volunteering today?'

The children might be Bruegl-Sabean's secret weapon. After all, what self-protecting citizen would slam a door on a pack of adorable toddlers? Then, too, a fit 34-year-old woman with blood hair and a broad smile is the perfect crime-fighting ambassador.

For her part, Bruegl-Sabean believes that one-on-one conversations and tasty baked goods are essential ingredients to her success. "I realize that it might sound too easy," she said, "but personal contact is key. People are much more apt to be receptive to the idea of forming a block club if they're approached at their front door by a neighbor rather than receiving an anonymous flier advertising about a meeting."

After recruiting a person to rally a particular block, Bruegl-Sabean helps block clubs organize a gathering, typically a relaxed outdoor festivity with refreshments and goodies, of course.

In July, Chuck Wazanowski is Employee of the Month

Chuck is our resident musician. Originally a farmer from upstate New York, Chuck's also taught school in New York City, toured Europe as a tuba player and still plays in Rochester's Symphony Orchestra and the Minneapolis Civic Orchestra. As a lead carpenter Chuck adds depth to our staff and his projects. Thank you Chuck.
**Neighborhoods prepare for National Night Out**

Crime-fighting advocates are encouraging residents to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend Tues., Aug. 1 outside with their neighbors for the 12th annual National Night Out.

**Como Park**

A community-wide block party is in the works for National Night Out. As part of the fun, District 10 hopes to hold a Children's Parade. To help organize this family-oriented event, volunteers are needed. Please call Julie Hoff at 644-3889.

**St. Anthony Park**

Aiming for greater neighborhood participation, St. Anthony Park organizers are busy recruiting block workers for National Night Out. "I hope a lot of people get involved this year," said Katie Ute, at St. Anthony Park crime prevention coordinator. Last year over 300 people from 17 blocks in St. Anthony Park participated, she reported. To become involved please call Ute at 292-7884.

*course, I always volunteer to bring baked goods over because people really like them," said Brueg-Saabe.

Before buying a home in Falcon Heights, she lived in Boston and Seattle. When she was self-diagnosed with an intense case of homesickness, Brueg-Saabe came to the Twin Cities to be closer to her parents, who reside in Wisconsin.

Having studied law enforcement during college, Brueg-Saabe possesses a long-standing interest in police work. She subscribes to the preventive-medicine approach toward combating crime.

"I feel you have to organize before something bad happens," explained Brueg-Saabe.

Not only does Brueg-Saabe believe that block clubs effectively prevent crime, she also thinks they encourage a closer relationship between the residents and the police.

"Block clubs bring people together," she remarked. "They let people know that the police are human and approachable and they give the police the opportunity to get to know the people they serve."

In addition to organizing Falcon Heights' block clubs, Brueg-Saabe coordinates the city's McGruff House program, which designates safe households where children can go to when they feel threatened.

**Falcon Heights**

Falcon Heights Elementary School at 1303 Garden Avenue is the community's gathering spot for National Night Out. "There will be plenty of fun for kids and adults," said Judy Brueg-Saabe. In addition to visits from members of the police and fire department, balloons and treats will be distributed to young and old. For further information call Brueg-Saabe at 647-1290.

**Lauderdale**

In 1994 few Lauderdale residents participated in National Night Out, but the St. Anthony Police Department hopes to increase involvement this year. "It's a great time to go outside and get together with friends," said Dick Engstrom, St. Anthony police chief. To become involved, call Officer Mark Labens at 789-5015.

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the recreation center building in case of rain. Tables may be reserved by calling 298-5765 by July 12, or call for more information.

Boy's bike found
A St. Anthony Park resident is looking for the owner of a boy's three-speed Schwinn "Speedster" bicycle. For more information call Eric Schoen at 646-3869.

Linnea Home hosts ice cream social
Twin City Linnea Home Auxiliary invites the community to its annual ice cream social fundraiser on Sunday, July 23, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at 2408 Como Avenue. A white elephant sale and bake sale are added attractions to the summer event. Proceeds enhance residents' lives.

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Falcon Heights
July events at Gibbs Farm
Each Sunday during the summer, from noon to 4 p.m., special events are featured at the Gibbs Farm Museum:
- July 2: Ice Cream Day
- July 9: Country Festival
- July 16: Furniture Refinishing
- July 23: Fashions through the Ages
- July 30: Beale and Butter Day

Gibbs Farm Museum is located at the corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues. Call 644-8629 for more information.

Langford/South
St. Anthony Rec Centers' activities
Registration for Langford Park/South St. Anthony fall soccer will be held July 17-August 4 at Langford Park. Boys and girls, ages 5-14, are eligible to participate in the fall soccer program.

Upcoming field trips sponsored by Langford and South St. Anthony include: Chutes and Ladders at Hyland Park Reserve on July 7; Bunker Hills Wave Park on July 14; and Mountain Water Slides on Aug. 4.

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COMO PARK

AARP to meet
The American Association of Retired Persons is set to meet Thurs., July 20, at 1 p.m., at Lymphoblasten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Avenue. All seniors are welcome.

Annual cleanup
District 10’s annual fall cleanup is scheduled for the month of September. Recycling bins have been distributed to several residents. If you would like to participate, call 644-3888.

La Leche meets
"The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties" is the topic for the next meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche League on Tues., July 25, at 7 p.m. For meeting location and information, call 644-6302 or 489-6536.

LAUDERDALE

Marty and McGuire visit on July 11
Sen. John Marty and Rep. Mary Jo McGuire will attend the city council work session on Tues., July 11 at 7:30 p.m. They plan to present an update of the past legislative session.

To celebrate the Norwest Cup, we’re shifting into high gear.

The Norwest Cup is back. Along with plenty of excitement. Special events will take place during the weeks leading up to the big event. Then the race. Racers from around the world take off on a 112 mile cat and mouse in pursuit of a $75,000 purse. The race begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 30th. With this much action, you’re sure to catch some of it. So find your seat early to see top-ranked cyclists fly through the streets of downtown Minneapolis, shifting from high to low and everything in between. Call 667-RACE for more details.

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Neighborhood Appreciation Day, July 28
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Subway Family Fun Ride, July 30, 11:45 am
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Ice Cream Day. Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

3 Mon.
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

4 Tues.
St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration: pancake breakfast, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; parade beginning at Como & Luther Place, 11:30 a.m.; all-day activities at Langf ord Park.

5 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 10-noon. Call 646-6986. Every Wed.
Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Huntington Engineering, 662 Cromwell Ave., noon-1 p.m. Call Dave Bredenberg, 646-4601.

6 Thurs.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

7 Fri.
Falcon Heights/ Lauderdale recycling day.

9 Sun.
Country Festival, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

10 Mon.
Como Park recycling day: Park Press (Park Bugle) board of directors, ParkBank, 7-7:35 a.m.
Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

11 Tues.
Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Fields, 649-4265.
Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 890 Cromwell, 6:30-8 p.m. Every Tues.
St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como Park High School, 7:30-9 p.m. Call 642-1559 or 646-4158.

12 Wed.
St. Anthony Park recycling day.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m.
Community reception for former Bugle editor Julie Leby and new editor David Anjer, Taste of Scandinavia, Milton Square, Como at Carter Avenues, 5-6 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

14 Fri.
Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 11 a.m.-noon.

16 Sun.
Furniture Refinishing, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

18 Tues.
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District 10 Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.
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19 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Huntington Engineering, 662 Cromwell Ave., noon-1 p.m. Call Dave Bredenberg, 646-4601.
Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

20 Thurs.
Kid Vendors' Day. Langford Park, 1-3 p.m.
Midway-Highland Chapter 900, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyndhomen Senior Center, 1415 almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 699-7457.

21 Fri.
Falcon Heights/ Lauderdale recycling day.

23 Sun.
Fashions through the Ages, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.
Ice Cream Social, Twin City Linneu Home, 2014 Como Ave., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

24 Mon.
Como Park recycling day.
Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.
St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

25 Tues.
Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Fields, 649-4255.
Como-Midway La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call Jeanne, 644-0302 or Faye, 489-6366, for location.
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**Obituaries**

**Helen Dahlén**

Helen Dahlén, former businesswoman in St. Anthony Park, died at 74 on June 14, 1946. She was a resident of Lydabyle.

In 1924, Dahlén began working at Herbert B. Crommett Architecture in St. Anthony Park, where she was the office manager.

Dahlén is survived by her husband, M. Lee Dahlén of Lydabyle; her daughter, Lynne Stillman of Mendota Heights; two grand-children and two brothers.

**David Eardley**

David Edward Eardley, a lifelong resident of Como Park, died on May 27, 1995, at age 81 from brain cancer. He was a 1971 graduate of Murray High School.

Preceded in death by his father, Edward Eardley, he is survived by a son, Jon Eardley; a daughter, Michelle Eardley; a grandson, Richard Eardley; his mother, Dorothy Eardley; three sisters, Diane Boerner, Debra Foster and Dana Boyd; and his former wife, Susan Eardley.

**Effie Hogenson**

Effie C. Hogenson died at age 80 on June 7, 1995. She was a resident of Como Park.

Hogenson was a home economics teacher and nutrition supervisor for the St. Paul Public Schools for nearly 30 years.

She was a member of the Hamline Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Hogenson was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Raymond Hogenson; two brothers and five sisters. Survivors include nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

**Marcellus Powers**

Marcellus (Joe) Powers, a resident of St. Anthony Park Home, died on May 25, 1995, at the age of 74. He formerly lived in the Greenland area of St. Paul.

After serving in World War II, he came to St. Paul, where he met his future wife. They lived in Kentucky, then returned to St. Paul in 1950. He opened a tailor shop on Wabasha near the World Theatre, making a living from the sewing skills he acquired in a POW camp.

Preceded in death by his wife, Athena Powers, he is survived by three daughters, Sue Gertz, a secretary at Murray Junior High School, Linda Powers of Minneapolis, and Pamela Carlson of St. Paul; five grandchildren; three sisters; and four brothers.

**Herman Preus**

The Rev. Dr. Herman A. Preus, a teacher at Luther Seminary for nearly 40 years, died at his home in St. Anthony Park on May 17, 1995. He was 98.

Named after his grandfather, a founder of the Lutheran Church in America, he grew up in Decorah, Iowa, where his father was president of Luther College.

Preus earned his bachelor’s degree from Luther College in 1916, his law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1920, his theology degree from Luther Seminary in 1925 and his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in 1928.

Preus served as pastor of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Minneapolis until coming to the seminary in 1933.

After retirement from the seminary, he served as visiting pastor at University Lutheran Church of Hope, retiring at age 80 and publishing "A Theology to Live By: The Practical Luther for the Practicing Christian."

Preus is survived by his wife of 64 years, Florence Preus; two daughters, Mary Preus of Ngeria and Suzanne Dahl of San Antonio, Texas; a son, Samuel Preus of Bloomington, Ind.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Jeffrey Rudd**

The body of Jeffrey R. Rudd, who disappeared while skiing near Anchorage, Alaska, on Christmas Eve, was found on May 14, 1995. He was a former resident of Falcon Heights and was 37 years old.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Rudd. Survivors include his mother, Phyllis Rudd of Falcon Heights; his sister, Cindy Hillman of Lino Lakes; his brother, Gregory Rudd of Seattle; two nieces; and two uncles.

**LaVerne Sherman**

LaVerne E. Sherman of Lauderdale, 53, died on May 18, 1995, after a long illness with cancer.

Sherman was one of the first women to win the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America and was active in the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Sherman of Lauderdale; her sons, Daniel Sherman of Lauderdale and Dennis Sherman, Jr., of Hopkins; two grandchildren, her father, Edward Granlund of Cromwell, Minn.; three sisters; and two brothers.

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Summertime and the harpist is busy: Catherine Salovich Victorsen

By Barbara Claussen

Catherine Salovich Victorsen, a professional harpist who lives in Lauderdale, tells many stories about playing at weddings: some funny and some traumatic.

"Once a bride told me her church was the big one on Sunday Avenue," Victorsen recalled. "I said, 'Oh, I know the big church on Sunday Avenue.'" When I drove to the wedding I realized that there were at least 10 churches on Sunday Avenue. I finally went to a fire station and asked for help. They called around and found the church with the most cars parked outside. Now I get all the details written down ahead of time."

Victorsen has encountered difficulties ranging from a bumblebee harassing her at an outdoor wedding to a harp string breaking in the middle of the ceremony.

She also has experienced surprises: "I once performed at a very elegant wedding in an unfinished house—there were no walls, just the floor."

Other incidents are more dramatic. "I was playing for a wedding reception in a private home," said Victor. "The living room was beautifully aglow with candlelight. A man was videotaping my performance from two feet away. I heard a woman come up to him and whisper, 'You're on fire.'"

Victorsen's family has lived in Lauderdale for three generations. Her grandparents lived on Walnut Street and her parents and her two brothers presently live in the city.

At age 14, Victorsen was figure skating four days a year, but a broken leg derailed that career. Her mother had signed up for five weeks of harp lessons, but with six kids found it difficult to practice. "Eventually she sent me to use her lessons," said Victor.

"My mom and dad love music and it really came out," she said. "They provided instruments for us and music lessons." Victorsen also studied the piano and the flute.

Victorsen continued taking private flute lessons and went on to complete a bachelor of music degree in harp performance from Boston University. In 1983 she received a master's degree in harp performance from the University of Minnesota.

After graduation she went to a harp conference in the British Isles. Upon arriving in Europe, Victorsen set her sights on an orchestral job. After two auditions, Victorsen was hired as the solo harpist with the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in Regensburg, a beautiful city on the Danube River.

"Understanding the language was a little tricky initially," she acknowledged. "The conductor used a Bavarian accent, which was very different from the high German I learned in school." Victorsen said her seven years with the orchestra proved to be a great experience that helped her develop as a musician. "If you make a mistake, you learn that mistakes are a part of life," she imparted. "Even the great musicians make mistakes."

In 1987 she married Reid Victorsen, an American artist. When the Berlin Wall fell in November of 1989, the couple was amazed. Victorsen remembers walking home from the opera at 11:30 p.m. and noticing that everyone's lights were on. When she turned on the television at home, Chancellor Helmut Kohl was standing in front of the Brandenburg Tor in Berlin.

After returning to the United States in 1991, Victorsen has performed for hundreds of events from fashion shows to Celtic festivals. She has played for the Irish prime minister. Victorsen also composes harp music. Her most recent piece, "Bach's Polka," was inspired by her 2-year-old daughter's dancing. Victorsen teaches harp at Northwestern College and Bethel College, as well as giving private lessons.

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